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Photo by Lt. Col. Kerry Kohler

Gotta love this job!

Does 908th Maintenance Squadron's Master Sgt. Mazeroski Brown, shown here servicing a prop on one of the 908th's C-130s on the Muniz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, flightline, love his work that much

or is it the location? Chances are it's both for Brown and the 120 or so wing personnel supporting the Aug. 30 - Sept. 20 Coronet Oak rotation. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos from the latest Coronet Oak rotation.

Plan aims to transform how AF trains, educates, assigns force

by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders are launching a spread-the-word tour in November to explain force development, a new system that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

Teams led by major command general officers

will visit every base to explain the details of this initiative and to ensure officers understand the concept, policies and procedures.

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements — enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard — will eventually benefit from the force de-

velopment construct, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future," he said. "It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression."

As the chief of staff's "change agent" for force development, the Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is leading this effort. AFSLMO officials are working with key Air Staff and Air Force Personnel Center leaders to reassess and transform how the Air Force educates, trains and assigns the total force.

Current and future phases of this transforma-

tion will include adjustments to officer academic and professional military education and professional development processes, enlisted professional development and professional military education programs, management of senior enlisted leaders and development of Air Force civilian employees.

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The wait is over -- it's time to show how good we are



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

Finally...the months of preparation are over. It is now time for us to perform during our Unit Compliance Inspection. Let's show the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General how well your organization is run!

In order to leave a positive, lasting impression on the inspectors, please make sure your personal appearance and uniforms are up to snuff prior to reporting for the UCI. Also, take a look at your work areas and tidy up. Even more important,

make sure you arrive with a positive, upbeat attitude! If during the inspection you find yourself at odds with an inspector, don't lose your cool. Calmly show them any regulations/documentation/instructions you have supporting your position. If that fails to convince them, forward your disagreement up through your squadron and group commander. As long as we have a reasonable, supportable argument, I'll work the issue with the IG.

Remember....this is our opportunity to shine!

Show the inspectors your best programs and practices as possible benchmarks for other units. Accept in advance they will find areas we need to improve. When they do, listen carefully, take notes and ask them to suggest units from which you might benchmark. The big key is this....we know we are the best...now's the time to show it!

I look forward to celebrating the results with all of you once the UCI is completed! Have a great UTA!



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Don't forget to send messages of thanksgiving

Let me tell you a short story about this fellow who died and went to heaven. Of course St. Peter met him at the gate. The fellow wanted a tour of everything.

St. Peter said, "Well, let me show you a part of heaven that not everyone gets to see." They went into a very large room where there were lots of angels working feverishly.

"Wow" said the fellow, "what is this place?"

St. Peter said "This is the room where we receive all the prayer requests."

"Well, it certainly is busy" said the fellow.

"Yes, this is a very busy



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders
908th Airlift Wing senior chaplain

place" said St. Peter.

They walked a little further and they came upon another room. It was just as big, and just as busy. "What is this place?" the fellow asked.

"This is the room where

we prepare and send out blessings that people have requested."

"Wow" said the fellow. "This room is even busier than the first."

"Yes, it is" said St. Peter "because when The Lord answers prayer, He most often gives way more than we ask. So, this is a very busy place."

They walked on for a ways talking about one thing and another. They came to another room. As they entered, the fellow saw only one angel sitting there, and he didn't look very busy. "What is this place?" the fellow asked.

"This is the room where we receive the messages of

Thanksgiving for the answered prayers."

"Oh my goodness" said the fellow. "There's not much going on here."

Sadly, St. Peter looked at him and said, "A lot of people ask, and are happy to receive, but as you can see, for some reason they don't send up many messages of thanksgiving."

This month will begin the Holiday season in which we give and receive and give thanks. Don't be tight fisted or tight hearted in your giving. And always, always, be grateful for the many blessings that you receive. I pray that you will have a fabulous Holiday season.

Equal opportunity is a "Right for Everyone"

by Tech. Sgt. Vernitta Love
908th Military Equal Opportunity Office

Who do you call if you feel that you have been sexually discriminated against? What should you do if you witness an incident involving unlawful discrimination? Maybe you feel that you are being treated unfairly and need to talk with someone. If any of these or similar scenarios apply to you, the

Military Equal Opportunity Office can help.

Everyone has the right to fair and equitable treatment regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The primary objective of the MEO Program is to improve mission effectiveness by promoting an environment free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent or hinder an Air Force member from rising

to the highest level of responsibility.

The chain of command is responsible for creating an environment free from unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment. We want all Commanders to encourage those in leadership positions to practice an open-door policy so that members will feel comfortable using their chain of command to identify and correct unlawful discriminatory

practices. Remember that unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment are contrary to good order and discipline and counterproductive to combat readiness and mission accomplishment.

The 908 AW Military Equal Opportunity staff is located in Bldg 1056, 2nd Floor, Room 216 adjacent to the Legal Office. We are available during normal duty hours on UTA week-ends or we can be reached at Ext. 3-6672.

Force protection is everyone's business

by General Lance Lord
Air Force Space Command
commander

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Attacks on our homeland on Sept. 11, 2001, brought home to Americans that the United States is not an island free from attack.

Terrorism can be brought home in a very big way. As service members, we know the risks around the world. Khobar Towers and the USS Cole will forever be burned in our memories.

We must continue to take aggressive steps to protect our people and their family members,

operations and facilities around the globe.

The force protection mission is accomplished through the integrated application of counter/anti-terrorism, operations security, physical security, personal protective services and information security, supported by superior intelligence and counterintelligence programs.

It is designed to protect Air Force people, information, facilities, property and equipment to enable air and space capabilities, maintain good order and discipline, and sustain quality of life.

Force protection is

achieved using our Total Force security forces team — active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve — working side-by-side to protect our people and resources. But all members of the chain of command — specifically, YOU — are responsible for force protection.

"Every person is a sensor," and we need you to report any and all suspicious activity to the proper authorities.

Challenge unknown personnel in your work areas and look at their badges. Protect unauthorized access to your computer. Close safes and properly dispose of printed information,

and ensure your areas are secure at the end of your shift or duty day.

There are times when force protection will cause delays and frustration. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to balance protection with mission accomplishment.

With your help and continued diligence, we will remain the best air and space force on the planet. Our people and our mission will be safe and secure — there is no higher priority.

Remember, we are all part of the force protection team! (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

SECDEF Rumsfeld thanks Reserve, Guard employers

WASHINGTON - In an open letter to employers, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld thanked them for their continued support of their National Guard and Reserve employees called to support the global war on terrorism.

"(The ongoing war) would not have been possible without the strong backing of America's employers," Rumsfeld wrote in the letter, mailed Sept. 29.

Defense Department officials mobilized more than 295,000 members of the reserve components since Sept. 11, 2001.

The letters were sent to the directors of major employer associations and organizations and of government agencies. They, in turn, were asked to distribute the letters to their members.

"(Your Reserve and Guard employees) have been engaged in and around the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as providing security here at home and in other critical locations around the world," Rumsfeld wrote.

Rumsfeld thanked the employers for "swiftly releasing your valuable employees for military service" and "welcoming back these return-

ing warriors and reinstating them in their jobs."

He said that during the mobilizations, many employers "did more than was required by law by voluntarily offering continued benefits, pay differentials and additional, creative forms of family support which made the period of separation so much easier to bear."

"I know of no other time in our nation's history when so many employers have voluntarily offered this level of support and benefits," he wrote.

Noting that those actions have not been without sacrifice, Rumsfeld expressed "the deepest appreciation of this department and the United States government for your unswerving support of our nation's military."

"Without this continued support, we could not maintain a strong military or sustain the current effort to overcome the international terrorist threat directed at our country, our citizens and all who love freedom," Rumsfeld wrote.

"You have my deepest thanks," he concluded. "Your direct contributions and support are another illustration of America's greatness as a nation." (AFPN)

Wing people give generously to CFC campaign

Unit members gave generously to the Maxwell/Gunter Combined Federal Campaign.

"We closed out at 107 percent of our goal and 45 percent participation. We

will also receive the CFC "Early Bird" award for achieving our goal within the first 15 days of the campaign. A pretty significant improvement from last year," said Master Sgt.

Roderick Parker, wing CFC project officer. Participation nearly doubled and percentage of goal contributed rose 30 percent, Parker said.

Each year, federal civilian and military

personnel contribute millions of dollars to the CFC to benefit thousands of local, regional, national and international non-profit organizations.



Boss Lift 03

908AW Commander Col. James Stewart points out some of the features of an HH60 PaveHawk helicopter to an employer during the Alabama Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Boss Lift to MacDill and Patrick AFBs, Fla.

Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Sept. 24 and 25. The 908th provided the airlift for the Boss Lift and managed to include employers of unit Reservists among the 34 'bosses' who took the trip.

Coronet Oak facts file

◆ The Guard and Reserve support the Coronet Oak mission year round. Units rotate in and out of Muniz ANGB every two weeks.

◆ AFRC Coronet Oak operations began Oct. 1, 1977, when the 442nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., deployed to Panama, replacing the active-duty Air Force C-130 units that had been supporting Coronet Oak on a rotational basis since 1962. Mission moved to Muniz in June 1999.

◆ Guard and Reserve C-130 units have been instrumental in many vital operations since their arrival in the U.S. Southern Command area

of responsibility. They were the first into Guyana following the tragedy at Jonestown, and evacuated some 1,600 U.S. and third-country nationals from Nicaragua during the civil war. They have also airlifted relief supplies to many countries throughout Central America and the Caribbean following natural disasters.

◆ The Coronet Oak mission is of great benefit to the Reserve. Aircrews are committed to a year-round, deployed, real-world operational mission. Because of the varied types of missions the reservists fly and the physical environment in Latin America, aircrews are exposed to almost every type of flying, over some of the most dense jungles in the world.

◆ Coronet Oak is cost effective. It costs less to rotate elements of Guard and Reserve C-130 units through Muniz ANGB than to station a C-130 squadron in Puerto Rico permanently, which would require stationing all related maintenance and support equipment, facilities and additional personnel.

◆ Coronet Oak offers an excellent example of the Total Force in action. Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units combine their resources to successfully fulfill Air Force mission requirements in Latin America. (Source: AFRC Fact Sheet 02-08, Coronet Oak C-130 Rotation)



A splendid view from the El San Juan Towers where the rotating Guard and Reserve personnel stay.



Happy camper Master Sgt. Bob Figurin

Another Coronet Oak mission



Crew chief Tech. Sgt. Russ Fowler reviews aircraft forms.



Communications navigations system repairman Tech. Sgt. Tim Dixon runs a system

comes to an end



Maintenance personel remove and inventory armor



as check.



From left, Master Sgt. Larry Laird, Tech. Sgt. Steve Leachman and Master Sgt. Pete Robinson



"B" team departs

Photos by Lt. Col. Kerry Kohler

Plan transforms way Air Force trains, educates, assigns force

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According to the AFSLMO director, Brig. Gen. Richard S. Hassan, force-development doctrine consists of three levels: tactical, operational and strategic.

At the tactical level, airmen will continue to concentrate on learning primary skills.

At the operational level, airmen begin developing complementary skills and an

understanding of the broader Air Force perspective. They will learn how a wide variety of individual capabilities combine to complete an organization's mission as well as the Air Force's and its joint partners'.

At the strategic level, airmen combine skills and experiences to develop a knowledge base that extends beyond the Air Force into De-

fense Department, interagency and international arenas.

"This is a huge cultural shift for our institution," Hassan said. "Force development is about better development and better utilization of the total force. It also takes into account that all airmen will not necessarily need to be, or want to be developed through all three levels. We need great tactical and op-

erational leaders in our Air Force and as the chief said, we will value each and every one of them, at all levels."

Hassan compared the force development construct to the way the Air Force fights.

"When we've gone to war we (have) thought about it in terms of doctrine — how we would employ forces," Hassan said. "For example,

you don't send an (Airborne Warning and Control System) or (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System) over enemy territory uncovered. We deploy our assets in an integrated fashion, not one at a time. But we didn't do the same thing with our people. In the current system, we think about officers and everybody else all separately, and in some

cases leave them uncovered."

It is all about taking care of the Air Force's most valuable resource, Hassan said.

"What force development does is recognize their value, consider their expectations and provide them with the right set of skills to help them be the best they can at what they do," he said.

Air Force Reserve working on construct to mirror AF plan to develop people

WASHINGTON — At the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Air Force adopted a new vision for how best to develop its airmen and continue its evolution as an air and space force.

The Air Force designed this new Force Development construct to be implemented across the Total Force to ensure it places the right technical and leadership skills in the right

places with the right people.

In his Sight Picture messages, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper released Force Development initiatives about the active force and civilians in the spring and fall of 2003. The Air Force Reserve is working on a construct that will give its citizen airmen the tools they need to succeed in the military and balance it with their civilian careers.

"Like the active force, we want to provide our reservists with the appropriate developmental opportunities through education, assignments and training experiences," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command. "We want to make sure that our people are comfortable doing what they're doing, that the needs of the Air Force are balanced and that they are not

sent to do something they are not prepared for. The Force Development concept is a sound one and will help us develop our force to meet future challenges."

Air Force Reserve Command has chartered a Force Development working group, consisting of representation from across the command, to focus this effort and study how best to implement Force Development. The group will meet regularly

and report back to senior leaders in the command on its recommendations. Command officials plan to provide more information on the AFRC Force Development initiative in early 2004.

To see previous Chief's Sight Pictures about Force Development go to the following Web site: <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/fd/sightpicture.htm>. (AFRC News Service)

Final tests begin on C-130J systems

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- A C-130J Hercules sits in the Benfield Anechoic Facility here during a defensive systems electronic warfare test. Ground testing of the systems took place in the chamber to ensure all of the systems integrated into the mission computer would not interfere with other avionics systems before the aircraft began operational test flights. Open-air testing of the integrated defensive systems began Oct. 7 at China Lake Naval Weapons Center.



Photo by Thomas Powell

November Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Oct. 31, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Dental Class 3's	Bldg. 760/Dental Clinic
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1000	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomer's)	Bldg. 848/West Side
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	Operational Risk Management (ORM)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0815	0900	MPF In-House Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	Weight Monitors Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1100	1200	Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1052
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900 1330-1400	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

November UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

**** The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.***

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:
Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the November UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local
Maxwell at 2145 local

**UTA return schedule Sunday:
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530**
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Aurora at 1900 local
Depart Aurora at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates
**Dec. 6-7; Jan. 10-11;
Feb. 7-8; March 6-7; April 3-4;
May 1-2; June 5-6; July 10-11;
Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12**

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Lieutenant Colonel
Bernard Bruhn, 357 AS
Michael Dankowsky, AES
Sam Dayhood III, 357 AS
Deborah Lytal-Britton, ASTS
Marcus Puccini, 357 AS
John Stokes, 357 AS
to Master Sgt.
Gloria Derico, 908AW
to Tech. Sgt.
Thomas Brookins, CES
Terry Calhoun, CF

Community wants to say thanks to military

An appreciative local civilian community wants to say thank you to the military in tangible and visible ways with a slate of activities Nov. 9-15.

The slogan for this salute to active duty, Reserve, Guard and retired military is "Freedom Is Not Free...Thank You U.S. Military."

Military Appreciation Week kicks off Sunday, Nov. 9, with a proclamation by Mont-

gomery Mayor Bobby Bright, a large reenlistment ceremony, service displays at Montgomery Civic Center and a Tops in Blue Concert at the civic center.

Monday will feature an afternoon radio broadcast from Maxwell/Gunter.

Tuesday will feature a host of Veteran's Day events around the region.

Citizen soldiers will be subject of Wednesday's tribute, highlighted by a chamber coffee hosted by the 187th Fighter Wing at Dannelly Field. The 908 Airlift Wing and local Army Guard units will contribute static displays. Also on tap is a remote radio broadcast.

Thursday's highlight is a military night at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Admission to the ASF production "Secret Garden" will be \$10 for patrons with military ID cards.

No special events are scheduled for Friday which will focus on Maxwell/Gunter's contributions to River Region.

Saturday's highlight is half-price admission to the Montgomery Zoo for military families.

All events are subject to change, those interested in attending should check the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's web site at <http://www.montgomerychamber.com/> for the most current information as well as Military Appreciation Week discount offerings.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Rising to the top

Newly promoted Chief Master Sgt. George Edwards speaks to the gathering of well-wishers in attendance at his chief induction ceremony Oct. 5. Edward's is 25th APS's chief of aerial port services.

908th Airlift Wing "Hawaiian Christmas"

- ◆ **Date: Dec. 6, 2003**
- ◆ **Time: 1800 'til 2400**
- ◆ **Location: 908th Fuel Cell Hangar**
- ◆ **Ticket Donation: \$10 per person**
- ◆ **Cocktails and Dinner**
- ◆ **Come Casual, Come Formal ...Just come and have some fun!!!**

**Door Prizes, Games,
 Group Hospitality Tables,
 DJ and Dancing**



Putting technology to work

908AES ground radio operator Senior Airman Vickie Haddox (above) transmits over the new land mobile radio, and 908CF communications systems specialist Staff Sgt. Robert Kelly (right) sends an e-mail to the instructor during the live satellite broadcast of the training. The training was conducted via the Air Technology Network. ATN uses compressed digital video which greatly reduces the cost of trans-



Photos by Master Sgt. John O'Connor

mission, but provides high quality, full motion video. ATN reaches classrooms across 150 Air Force sites within the U.S. and 13 locations in Europe and the Western Pacific, with education and training programs broadcast from uplinks at Wright-Patterson, Fairchild, Keesler, Maxwell, and Sheppard AFBs.

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